

#### The EMU vs. The Astronaut



# EIS Then and Now Tracking the Human-Suit Interface

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# The Problem



- Over the years we have identified several significant injuries
  - Shoulder injuries (Slap, rotator cuff)
  - Knee injuries (meniscal tears)
  - Fingernail Delamination
  - What else?

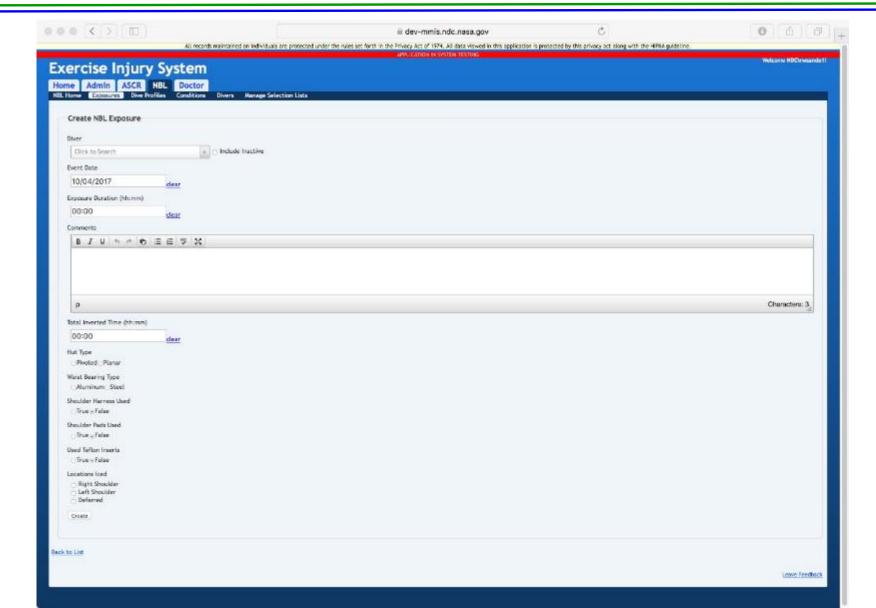






## Document to Prevent

• EIS





# Sometimes We Fail







#### EIS

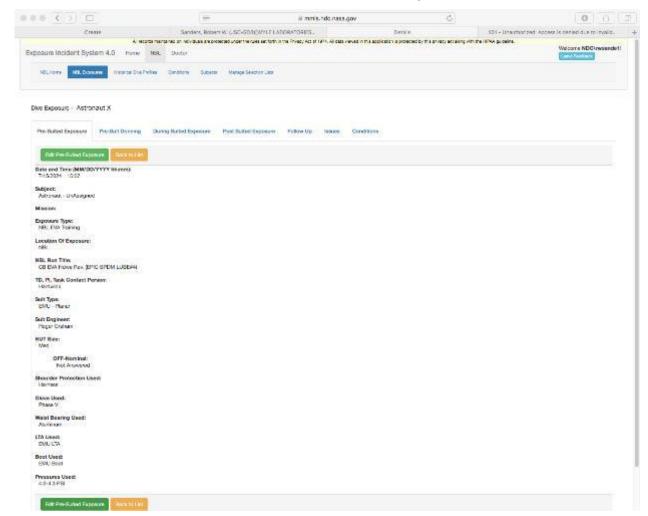


- We have learned a lot
  - Shoulder injury prevention
  - ASCR Conditioning
  - Inverted Ops
  - Minimize repeated failed attempts
  - But learned from injury
  - Attributed to the suit



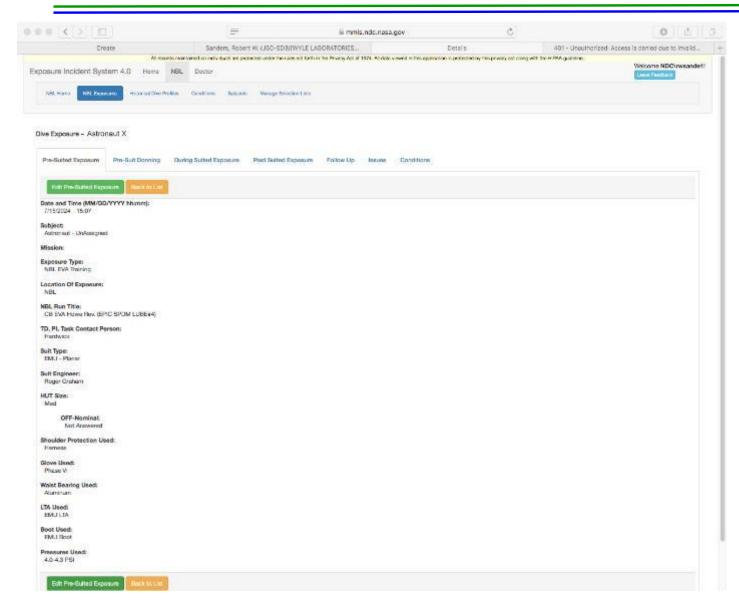


- Desire to learn more about the "pre-exposure" subject (vs. suit)
  - Prone to injury?
  - Sleep?
  - Hydration?
  - Activity level and type
    - Are they ready/fit?
  - Preexisting injury?



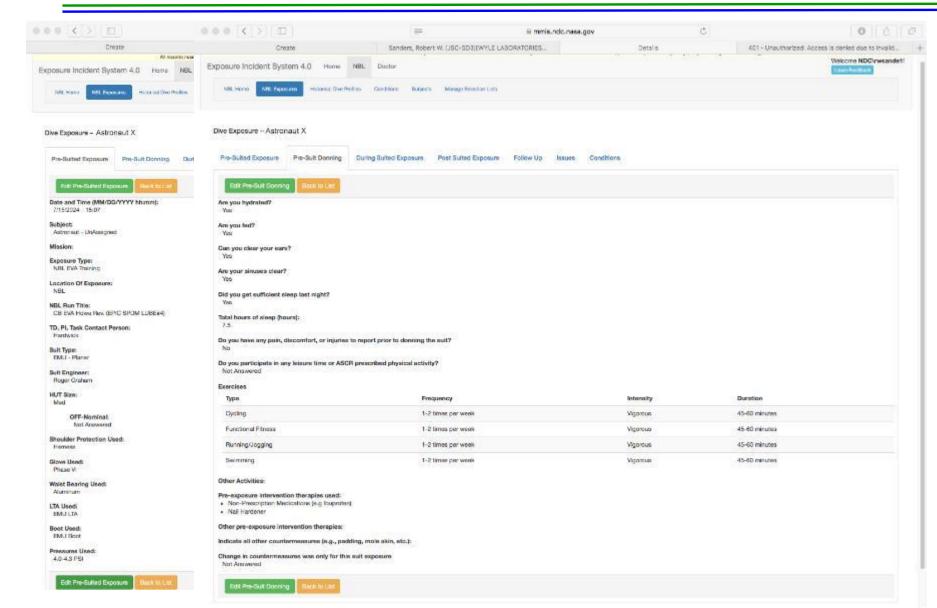






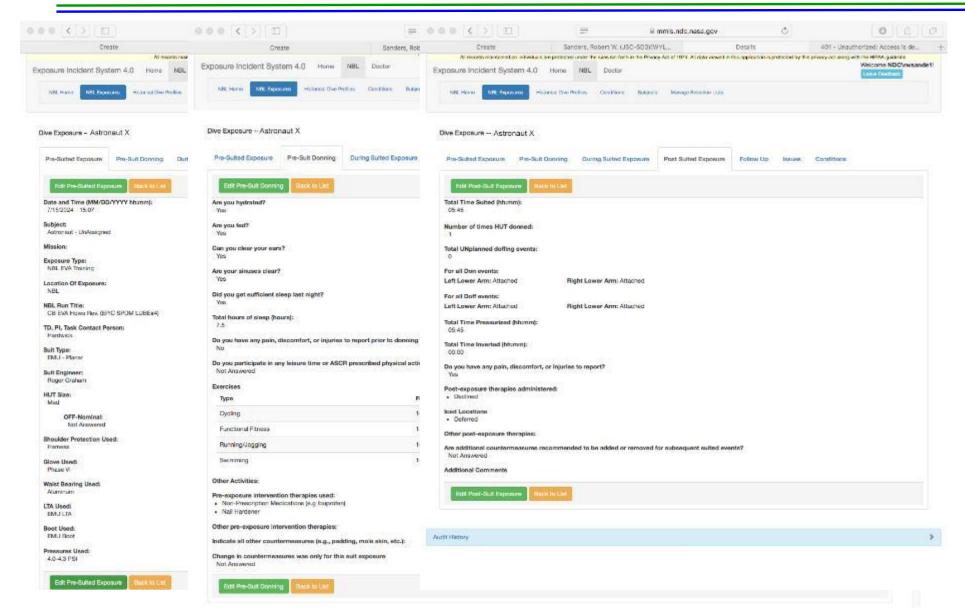








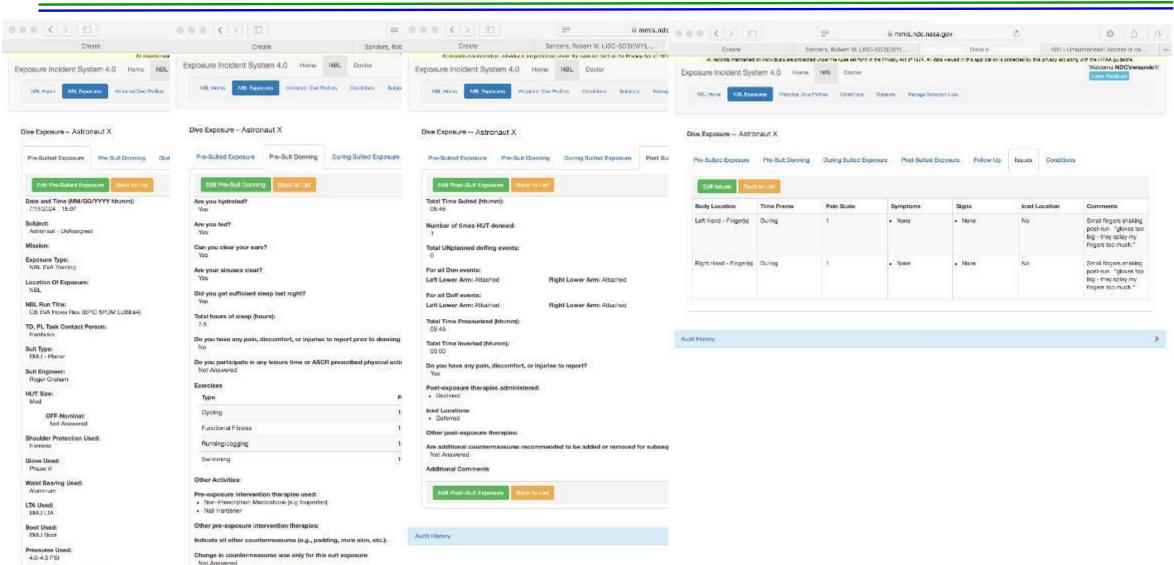




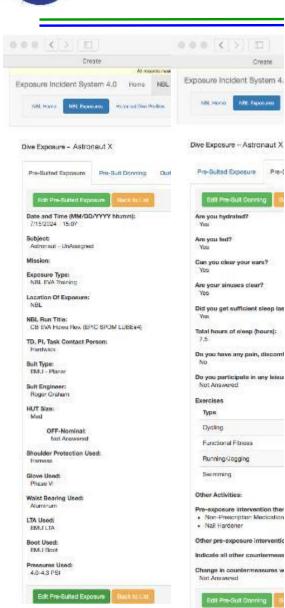


Edit Pre-Suited Exposure









Are you hydrated?

Are your sinuses clear?

Total hours of sleep (hours):

Do you have any pain, discom!

Do you participate in any leasu Not Answered

Exercises

Type

Dycling.

Functional Fitness

Running/Jogging

Pre-exposure intervention then Non-Prescription Medication

Other pre-exposure intervention

Indicate all other counterment

Change in countermeasures w

Swimming

Other Activities:

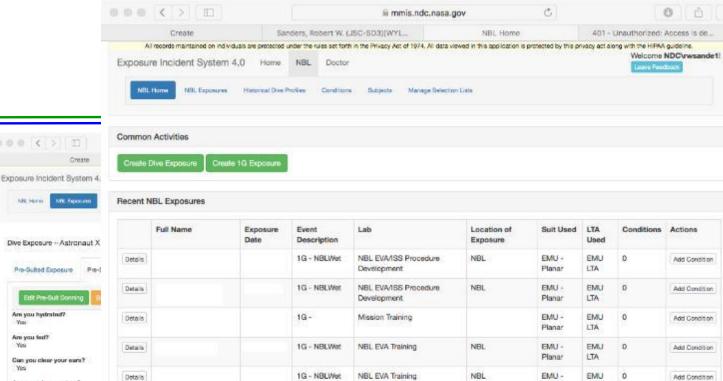
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Are you fed?



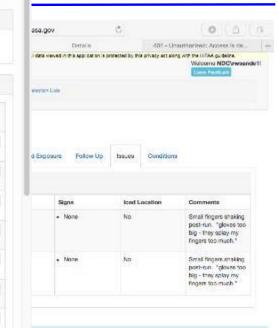
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1G - NBLWmt

1G - NBLWet





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# Still just learning from mistakes...

- Modelling can *prevent* the need to learn from "misteaks"
  - Proactive
  - Prevent or Decrease injuries
  - New Suit Design Injury *prevention*
  - No Need to expose personnel to suit to learn





# Modelling is a Solid Answer

- What we know is from EMU in NBL
  - vetted in microgravity.
- No new injury patterns "discovered" in space,
  - our process is "working"

- Imagine the benefit to modeling the suit-human interface...
  - to guide suit use and astronaut training in preventive measures without ever having to injure a crew member
  - For planetary missions, there is no equivalent analog... modeling is our only option



#### Thank You!



• There is no perfect suit... There is no perfect human, but with the proper modeling, we may create the ideal human-suit interface ... with virtually all injuries made a thing of the past!

• Questions?

